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For Item A, Japanese Patent Publication 8-77386, English Abstract (Item AA) is provided; and For Item BB, People's Republic of China Patent Office Action in counterpart application 02124565.7, translation (Item CC) is provided.
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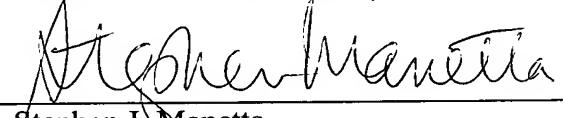
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10. ☒ This document is accompanied by ☐ a Search Report ☒ Communication which in (a) corresponding ☐ PCT or ☒ Foreign counterpart application(s): from the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China for counterpart application 02124565.7 (copy and translation).
11. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 180.00 is enclosed in payment of the fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.17(h) and 1.17(p).
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, etc.)

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| | AA | English Abstract of JP 8-77386 (Item A) |
| | BB | Office Action dated October 12, 2004 issued in counterpart Chinese Patent Application No. 02124565.7. |
| | CC | Translation of Office Action issued in counterpart Chinese Application No. 02124565.7 (Item BB) |

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